

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July-September 2011)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Tavis Smiley Reports, N 09/13/11, 7pm, 60 min.

This program looks at the status of black teenage boys and examines what it will take to make certain these at-risk males are not dismissed as throw-away kids. The program focuses on the lives of black teenagers who are achieving against enormous odds. Tavis Smiley profiles schools that are tackling the crippling drop-out rate and are turning things around. The program captures how educators are making a difference for these boys -- what teaching techniques work and how community outreach and mentorship can compensate for the lack of other personal and social resources.

Decoding Autism, N 07/24/11, 5:30pm, 60 min.

In 2010, doctors will diagnose more children with an autism spectrum disorder than with childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. The public television special DECODING AUTISM looks at the devastating neurodevelopmental disorder that leaves families heartbroken, vulnerable and desperate for answers. The documentary highlights the efforts underway in New Jersey and New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Louisville and Sacramento, where researchers hope to gain insights that may lead to prevention, new treatments and even a cure. DECODING AUTISM includes interviews with a number of families dealing with the challenges of raising children on the autism spectrum and features visits to schools specializing in educating children with autism.

Need to Know, N 09/09/11, 11pm, 60 min.

The War At Home - The 9/11 attacks resulted in the nation's longest war effort, although it remains peripheral to most Americans' lives. Not so for the military families whose loved ones are deployed to a war zone. Children with a deployed parent are two and half times more at risk to develop psychological problems than children in general. But we found that military children are also incredibly resilient. Need to Know profiles three families to get an intimate view into their lives and the sacrifices military children make every day.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 08/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Think YOU'VE waited a long time to ride the T? This week, Somerville residents learned they'll have to wait until at least 2018 for the state to build a Green Line extension. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone tells Emily his plan to keep the MBTA's extension plans on track.

Greater Boston, L 08/16/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Is Boston getting a Wal-Mart? The superstore is apparently eyeing a vacant lot in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood. Emily talks with WGBH contributor Donna Latson Gittens about whether or not Wal-Mart would be welcome in Boston.

Nova, N 09/07/11, 8pm, 60 min.

“Engineering Ground Zero” - On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, NOVA presents an epic story of engineering, innovation and the perseverance of the human spirit. With access granted by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, this program follows the five-year construction of One World Trade Center (1 WTC) and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. NOVA captures the behind-the-scenes struggle of architects and engineers to make the buildings safe and highly secure under the pressures of a tight schedule, the demands of practical office space and efficient, "green" architecture, and the public's expectations of a fitting site for national remembrance.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 07/06/11, 7pm, 30 min.

On Wednesday, former fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger appeared in court where he softly pleaded not guilty to 19 counts of murder. Greater Boston's Jared Bowen was in the courtroom today as the highly anticipated trial of the accused mobster got underway.

Greater Boston, L 7/13/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Day two of the bail hearing for James "Whitey" Bulger's longtime girlfriend Catherine Greig included dramatic testimony from some of Bulger's alleged victims and even a former mob associate.

Greater Boston, L 07/21/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Former CIA operative Glenn Carle was in charge of interrogating a high-level terror suspect as part of the War on Terror. Tonight, Carle joins Emily to talk about his new memoir, *The Interrogator*, and the moral boundaries he crossed in the name of national security.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 07/25/11, 7pm, 30 min.

For the first time since the 1970's, the National Urban League holds its annual conference in Boston. Greater Boston looks at the state of Black Boston and asks what has changed since the last conference, and what has stayed the same.

Greater Boston, L 09/06/11, 7pm, 30 min.

When Barack Obama became the country's first African-American president, many believed America had entered a post-racial era. In his new book, *The Persistence of the Color Line*, Harvard Law School professor Randall Kennedy says the issue of race is still prevalent in Obama's presidency.

Maria Hinojosa, L 07/02/11, 6pm, 30 min.

Helen Zia is a journalist and civil rights activist focused on the rights of women, the LGBT community and Asian Americans. She was involved in the fight to have the murder of Vincent Chin recognized as a hate crime, and in the effort to allow Asian American actors to audition for Asian roles in Miss Saigon. In 2008 she carried the Olympic torch during its relay in San Francisco. Her book Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People has been quoted by President Bill Clinton. In this conversation with María Hinojosa, Zia talks about being caught between two worlds, finding her voice, and what it means to be American.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 07/28/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Can't find a job after graduating from college? Create your own! Greater Boston looks at young entrepreneurs finding success on their own in a dismal job market.

Greater Boston, L 08/17/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Thousands of Verizon workers from Massachusetts to Virginia are in their second week of protests. What toll is the strike taking on workers and their families? Emily hears from Paul Feeney of IBEW Local 2222 and Verizon FiOS installer Brendan Keogh.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 07/05/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Last month, a series of deadly tornadoes ravaged several communities across Western Massachusetts. WGBH's Adam Reilly travels to Springfield to see how residents of that city are picking up the pieces one month later.

Need To Know, N 07/22/11, 10pm, 60 min.

Nuclear Waste Solution? - As the U.S. continues to try to resolve the decades old issue of what to do with nuclear waste, Need to Know visits a possible solution, a half-mile below the desert in New Mexico. The Department of Energy's WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) is the nation's only operating deep geologic nuclear waste disposal site. Alison Stewart goes underground for a tour.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 07/11/11, 7pm, 30 min.

A synthetic organ has been transplanted for the first time, thanks in large part to a local biotech company. Harvard Bioscience president David Green joins Emily to explain how this incredible scientific advancement that could forever change the way we think about organ donations and transplants.

Greater Boston, L 07/26/11, 1:30pm, 90 min.

Custom-made knee replacements may revolutionize the common surgical procedure -- and a Boston-based company is leading the way. Greater Boston follows a woman going through the procedure.

Frontline, N 09/20/11, 9pm, 60 min.

“The Wounded Platoon” - An investigation into the Army's mental health services; and a powerful portrait of what multiple tours and post-traumatic stress are doing to a generation of young American soldiers.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 07/26/11, 7pm, 30 min.

While Washington, DC, wrangles over the federal debt ceiling, local businesses tell Greater Boston that growing uncertainty over the debt may be almost as bad as a default itself.

Greater Boston, L 08/04/11, 7pm, 30 min.

A new rule forcing local beer makers to grow their own hops and grains could brew trouble for Massachusetts breweries. Massachusetts Brewers Guild president Rob Martin, Cape Ann Brewing Company owner Jeremy Goldberg, and State Treasurer Steve Grossman join Emily to discuss whether the rule will mean last call for local brewers.

Greater Boston, L 08/08/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Writers and publishers are not on the same page when it comes to e-books. That's because authors lose money from e-book sales while publishers make gains. Jared discusses the next chapter in the publishing industry with author Stephen McCauley and literary agent Janet Silver.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 07/14/11 7pm, 30 min.

After a period of "consultation, reflection, and prayer" the Boston Archdiocese has decided to relegate six local churches that were closed five years ago to profane use, meaning they are no longer sacred buildings and can be sold.

Greater Boston, L 08/01/11 7pm, 30 min.

Having a family sometimes means having a family feud. So how do you negotiate peacefully (and successfully) with a loved one over inheritance, property or elderly care? In their new book, *Mom Always Liked You Best*, mediators Rikk Larsen and Blaire Trippe offer their guide to navigating even the toughest family conflicts.

Greater Boston, L 08/15/11 7pm, 30 min.

Republican presidential hopefuls Rick Perry and Michele Bachmann are Evangelical Christians. Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney is a Mormon. Will religion be a factor in the 2012 GOP race?

